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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the fees due and the issuance of a first Office Action in this application, please amend the specification and claims as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)(1)(i) and (ii), please delete the cross referencing information on p. 1, lines 4-6 and insert therefor the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/471,556, filed June 6, 1995, which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/010,909, filed January 29, 1993, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/738,998, filed August 1, 1991. The subject matter of the parent applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 33 to page 6, line 9 with the following paragraph:

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EXHIBIT A
MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, lines 4-6:

~~This application is [claiming] a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/410,984, filed October 1, 1999, which is divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/856,657, filed May 15, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,031,711, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/017,609 filed May 15, 1996[, hereby incorporated by reference]. The subject matter of the parent applications are hereby incorporated by reference.~~

Page 5, line 33 to page 6, line 9:

Two general methods have been employed for making bifunctional chelates from chelating agents. In the first method one or more carboxylic acid groups of a polyaminopolycarboxylic acid chelator are activated by conversion to such activating groups as internal or mixed anhydrides, activated esters (e.g., [p-nitro phenyl] p-nitrophenyl, N-hydroxysuccinimide, etc.) or with other derivatives known to those skilled in the art. The activated acid group is then added to the protein-chelator complex.

Page 11, first chemical formula:

